

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



September 2023

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For review September 2028

The school uniform is compulsory for all pupils, both at school and for journeys to and from school. Any request to vary this policy to meet the needs of an individual pupil in respect of their religion or belief, or for medical reasons, should be made to the Headteacher.

Second-hand Uniform

We have a very well-stocked second-hand uniform shop, which is based at the school and manned by parent volunteers. The shop is open on Mondays during the lunch break: 13:00-14:00. Funds raised from the sale of uniform is donated to the school.

If you have any enquiries or would like to put in an order, please email the school (enquiries@shsb.org.uk).

The price-list is published on the school's website under Parents/Uniform.

Uniform Bursary

A uniform bursary of £150 is available for pupils entering Year 7 who are eligible for free school meals. (Please note that this bursary is repayable to the school if your son subsequently accepts an offer of a place from another school, up to and including the Autumn term of Year 7.)

In order to apply for the bursary, please complete the form available on the school's website under Parents/Uniform.

Suppliers

Southend High School for Boys currently has one supplier:

Danielle's of Rayleigh

Claydons Lane

Rayleigh Weir

Rayleigh

Essex SS6 7UP

Email: sales@daniellesshop.co.uk

Uniform for Years 7-11

SECTION A

It comprises:

1. the specified green blazer with the school badge*;
2. a conventional white shirt worn with the appropriate house tie* or approved representative tie;
3. black trousers of conventional cut and material (with a plain black belt if required);
4. black or dark grey socks and plain black formal shoes (eg not plimsolls, trainers or boots);
5. a plain black V-necked pullover, if required. Sweatshirts and hoodies are not permitted.

Pupils will be notified specifically when the summer uniform option is introduced. Summer uniform comprises items 2–4 above, although pupils are free to wear the full school uniform at any time. (NB coats and pullovers may only be worn *in addition* to the school blazer, not in place of it.)

SECTION B

The definition of school uniform also extends to matters of personal presentation, as follows:

6. No jewellery (including rings and earrings) may be worn with the school uniform.
7. Facial hair is acceptable only in certain extremely restricted circumstances.
8. Extremes of hairstyle (length, cut or colour) must be avoided. Any pupil who is uncertain how far current fashions are acceptable in school must consult his Year Leader before having his hair restyled. (A pupil who arrives at school with an unacceptable hairstyle may be barred from attending lessons for an appropriate period of time.)

* As supplied by the school's uniform suppliers

Years 7-11 PE Kit List

Only one set of PE kit is required.

Outdoor kit: House rugby shirt*
Plain white shorts
White football socks
Football boots (not astro boots)
Shin pads (for Football and Hockey)
Gum shield (for Hockey and Rugby)

For Cricket (Summer Term only):

Plain white round-necked T-shirt
Plain white shorts
White ankle socks
Trainers

For Athletics (Summer Term) and Cross-Country (Autumn Term):

House vest*
Plain white shorts
White ankle socks
Spikes or trainers

(Plain black tracksuit bottoms may be worn at the discretion of the PE Department staff if conditions demand. These are an optional extra.)

Indoor kit: House vest*
Plain white shorts
White ankle socks
Trainers

* As supplied by the school's uniform suppliers

Uniform for Sixth Form

SECTION A

The school uniform is compulsory for all pupils both at school and for journeys to and from school. Any request to vary this policy to meet the needs of an individual pupil in respect of their religion or belief, or for medical reasons, should be made to the Headteacher. It comprises:

1. the specified green blazer* with the addition of the Sixth Form badge*;
2. a conventional white shirt worn with the Sixth Form*, Prefect*, or approved representative tie;
3. black trousers of conventional cut and material (with a plain black belt if required) OR a branded SHSB uniform skirt* worn on the knee;
4. black or dark grey ankle socks and plain black shoes (not plimsolls, trainers or boots). Tights should be natural or black;
5. a plain black V-necked pullover, if required. With the exception of leavers' hoodies at the end of Year 13, sweatshirts and hoodies are not permitted to be worn onsite during school hours.

Pupils will be notified specifically when the summer uniform option is introduced. Summer uniform comprises items 2–4 above, although pupils are free to wear the full school uniform at any time. (NB coats and pullovers may only be worn *in addition* to the school blazer, not in place of it.)

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SECTION B

The definition of school uniform also extends to matters of personal presentation, as follows:

6. Make-up, if worn, should be discreet and natural.
7. The wearing of jewellery is not compatible with school uniform. Students may wear discreet finger rings, while earrings, if worn, must be limited to one sleeper or stud per ear. Ear piercing, if desired, should be done at a time that minimises impact on school – ideally at the start of the summer holiday. NB Facial piercings, elsewhere than on the ear, and visible tattoos are expressly forbidden at this school.
8. Facial hair is acceptable only in certain extremely restricted circumstances, with permission from the school, granted on medical or religious grounds.

9. Hair should reflect the professional work environment and extremes of hairstyle (length, cut or colour) must be avoided. Students who are uncertain how far current fashions are acceptable in school, must consult the Head of Sixth Form or Year Leader before having their hair restyled. Although Sixth Formers are permitted some measure of discretion in this respect, a student who arrives in school with an unacceptable hairstyle may be barred from attending lessons for an appropriate period of time. Advance discussion is essential.

As fashions change, the exact letter of the Uniform Regulations can sometimes be difficult to specify; however, its spirit is usually clear. Consequently, **if there could be any possible doubt about the acceptability of a lasting change you are considering, you must consult the Head of Sixth Form or Year Leader before going ahead with it.** The interpretations of the Headteacher, Deputy Head, Head of Sixth Form and Year Leaders are binding in all matters of uniform suitability.